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Note: Gary Development Landfill  
sketch and comments.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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DATE: 12/24/90

SUBJECT: 12/11/90 Boat Tour of the Grand Calumet River

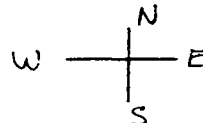
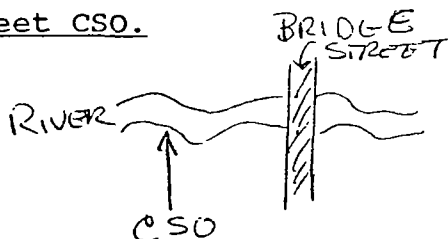
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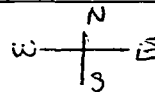
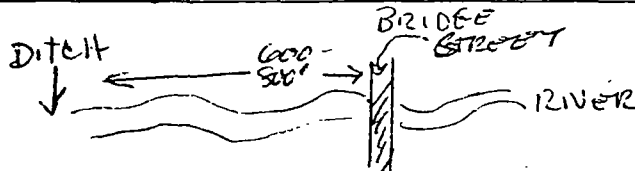
On 12/11/90, a boat tour of the Grand Calumet River was conducted in order to evaluate the accessibility of the river by boat and to fine tune the SCP required sampling locations. Participating on this tour were Ron Kovach, (USEPA), Kevin Hursey, (USX), Robert Simon, and Gerald Nauer, (both Robert and Gerald represented Floyd Browne and will be doing most of the sampling this summer).

The launch site for the tour was on the north side of the river at Buchann street in Gary. The tour navigated upstream to where the Indiana toll road crosses the river by a GSD CSO. From there, the tour went downstream all the way to the LTV Steel outfall 001 in East Chicago. In general, the river quality was much better than anticipated. Several different species of birds, animals, and fish were seen. Specific observations of the river are as follows:

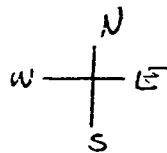
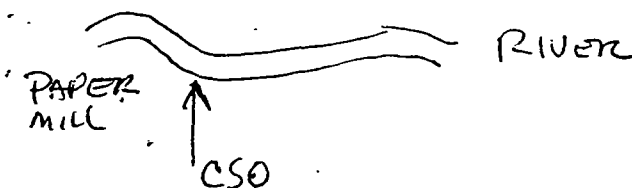
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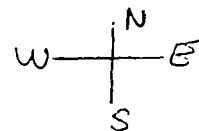
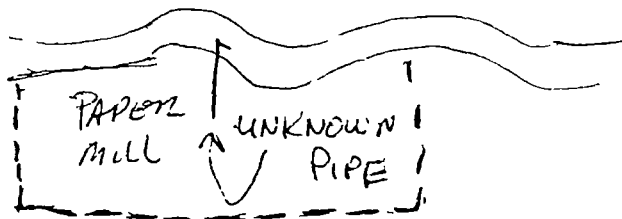
2. Unknown drainage ditch 600-800 feet west of Bridge street.



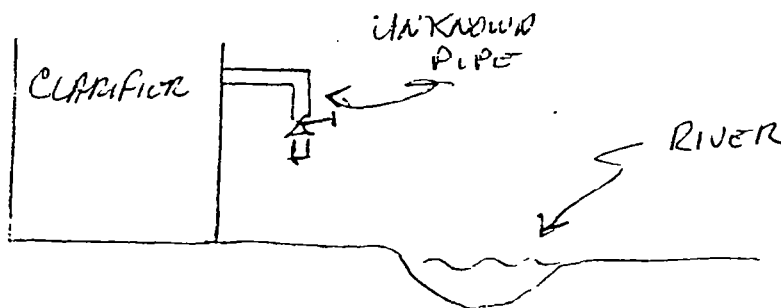
3. CSO east of Georgia-Pacific Paper Mill.



4. Unknown pipe (intake?) running from the river onto the Georgia-Pacific property. This may be an intake pipe to the river or a discharge pipe from the company. This needs further investigation.



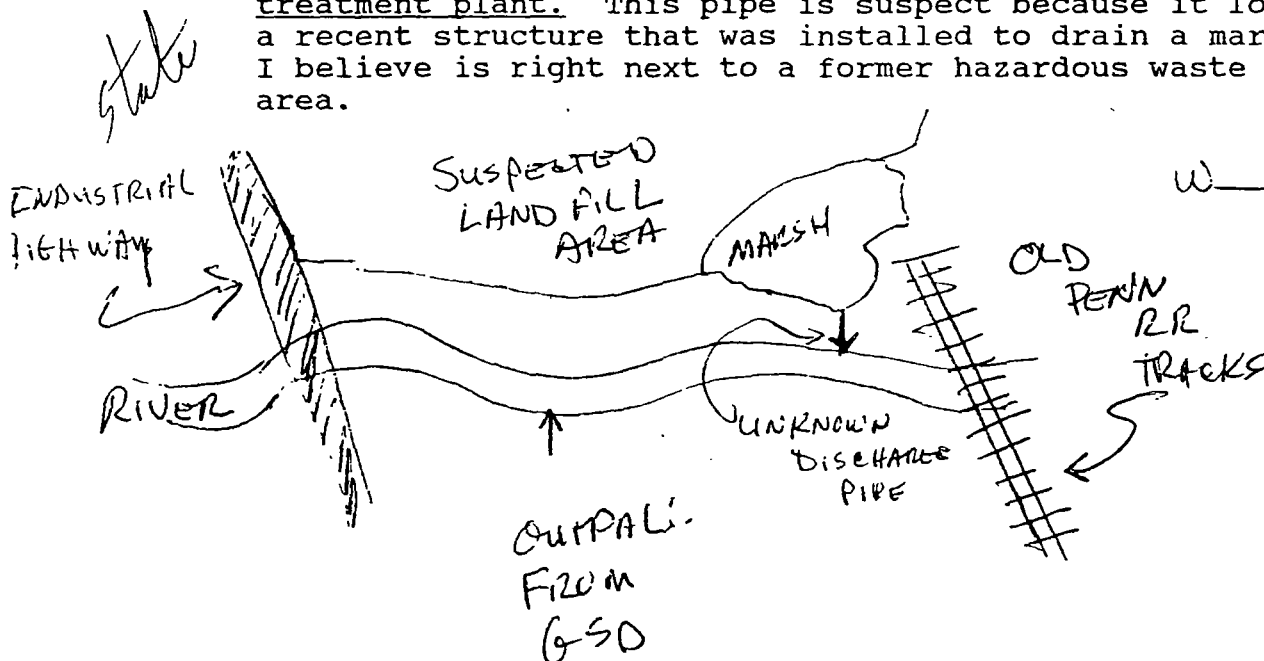
5. Unknown pipe coming off of Georgia-Pacific clarifier towards the river. This pipe was coming off of the lander section of the clarifier. We did not notice any discharge from the pipe, but it was evident that if the pipe was opened, any discharge from it would run into the river. Also, it is very puzzling as to why the plant would construct such a pipe at that specific location if the intent was not to bypass the normal discharge points for the clarifier.



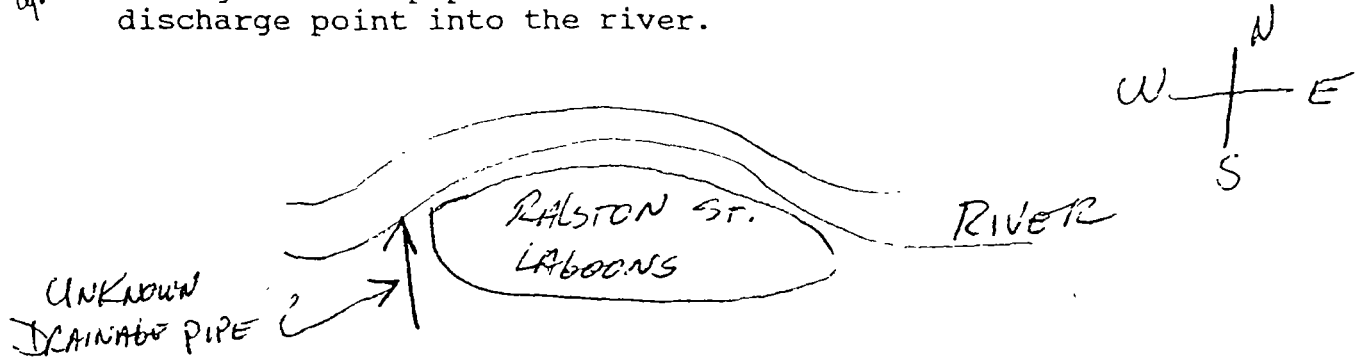
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6. Unknown discharge pipe on the north side of the river just west of the old Pennsylvania Rail Road tracks by the GSD treatment plant. This pipe is suspect because it looks like a recent structure that was installed to drain a marsh which I believe is right next to a former hazardous waste dumping area.



7. Unknown drainage pipe just outside of the western perimeter of the Ralston street lagoons. There was quite a flow coming out the pipe with a considerable delta at it's discharge point into the river.



8. Under construction discharge pipe from the Gary Development Co., Inc. Sanitary Land Fill. A back hole was digging a drench in order to lay a drainage pipe into the river. On 12/12/90, Larry Hagen, V.P. of the Corporation, was interviewed by Ron Kovach as to the nature of this drainage pipe. Mr Hagen showed Mr Kovach a drawing (dated 1980 and approved by the Indiana Board of Health) that indicated a drainage pipe running from a ponded area to the river. Mr Kovach was told that this pipe would only drain surface water. Mr Kovach informally advised Mr Hagen that he should not construct this drainage pipe unless Mr Hagen had in writing the proper approvals to do so. Mr Hagen said that he would do so. During the 12/12/90 interview, Mr Kovach had to walk by the uncompleted drainage pipe trench. It appeared that the drainage pipe would drain an area that was both bermed and lined with a synthetic liner. Mr Hagen neither confirmed nor denied this observation. Mr Hagen did say that his son was the operator of the back hole who was digging the drench during the previous day's observation by the river tour group. Mr Hagen also stated that he had ceased digging the drench until he was assured of the legality of the installation.

